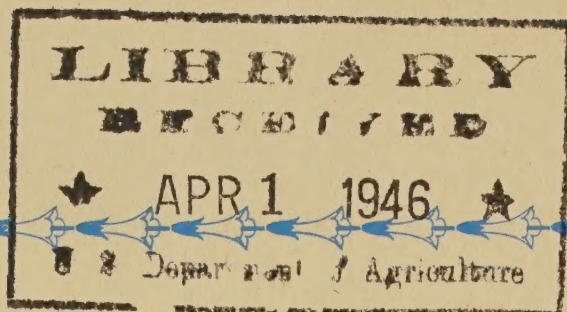


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LARSON'S EXHIBITION DAHLIAS

1946

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SEASON'S GREETINGS FOR 1946

In presenting this new Catalog for dahlias, I wish to thank all my numerous patrons for their past support, and in soliciting continuation of their esteemed patronage to assure them and all new clients that their wishes will always receive my closest personal attention.

This list has been brought right up to date, with the best varieties from all dahlia producing countries, and all novelties have been tried and proven in my garden, and while your local conditions may cause some variation those cataloged can be confidently relied upon, their descriptions being as faithful as possible, and quite unexaggerated.

Do not be discouraged if a variety does not do well with you the first year; try it again as some need to be acclimated.

Look for our new novelties for 1946 imported from Australia, England. You will see them at all the shows this coming year.

Our green plants are grown so as to give the maximum of results of equal or superior to root stock. This is only accomplished by the selection of healthy, vigorous roots benched in a moderate heat that will enable us to take stocky base cuttings.

Only a reasonable number of cuttings are taken and none used that are spindly. After cuttings are rooted and potted and begin to grow, they are moved to cooler quarters and shifted to larger pots. At this stage small tubers are beginning to form, assuring that clumps will be obtained at digging time. The plants are later hardened off in outside quarters so as to withstand shipping and be in good condition for planting out.

We try to keep our list of varieties limited by retaining a very high percentage of those that are placed on the "Honor Roll" consecutive seasons in this country and abroad. The varieties mentioned herein are of exceptional merit and may be grown to your complete satisfaction, if you will dig deep, cultivate regularly, and keep insects under control, particularly the leaf hoffer.

Our plants are all base cutting.

We take great pride in sending healthy, clean, strong plants.

We guarantee all dahlia roots and plants to be in first-class condition when they leave our place, as they are state inspected.

We ship all green plants about May 1st to May 15th. To avoid disappointment order early. Our stock is limited on some varieties. We do not substitute unless requested.

Terms: Cash, or 25 % deposit with order; balance at shipping time. On orders over \$10.00 we pay charges.

Visitors are always welcome to our gardens.

We carry a complete line of annuals in our greenhouse, including the latest novelties. We sell by the dozen or by flats. Don't forget to order some annuals this spring.

Can supply roots of plants listed. Let us know what you need.

ABBREVIATIONS

- FD—Formal Decorative
- ID—Informal Decorative
- SC—Semi-Cactus
- C—Cactus

Have 25 new miniatures from England that I did not list. Will be glad to quote you price on plants only.

1946 INTRODUCTION

CORAL CACTUS

Incurved cactus in a beautiful shade of coral pink. A real show flower, listed on 3 honor rollsPlants \$5.00 Net
3 for 12.50 Net

COLONEL LITTLE

Bright scarlet orange, with curly twisting petals showing lighter tones, shading of yellow in reverse, honor roll dahlia.
Plants \$5.00 Net

DR. RALPH FIORETTI

Pure creamy white semi-cactus to informal Dec. blooms, 13x8 on cane-like stems, tall grower, honor roll dahlia....Plants \$5.00 Net

FIVE STAR GENERAL

Blooms 11 to 13 inches. Formal decorative blend, color amaranth pink, blushing into tryon pink, and into maize yellow. Listed on 3 honor rolls.....Plants \$7.50 Net
3 for 20.00 Net

MRS. HESTER A. PAPE (ID)

Color is reddish purple, on 3 honor rolls.
One of the best dahlia of the year....Plants \$7.50

PINK MUM

A true pink incurved cactus. Don't miss this one. One of the best to date. Winner of two American Home Achievement medalsPlants \$5.00

1946 INTRODUCTION FROM AUSTRALIA

CROYDON DELICATE

A monster opalescent pink, grand champion winner in Australia. Will be hard to beatPlants \$3.50 Net

CROYLON JOY

A huge burnished copper and bronze that will demand attention everywhere. A champion winnerPlants \$3.50 Net

BILL'S DELIGHT

Released by the grower of Bill's Gold, another champion. Color salmon and old rose faintly tipped gold, 12-inch blooms on 3-foot stems.....Plants \$3.50 Net

IVY BELL

A large red, from Australia, champion hard to beat. Blooms 12 inches, on long stems, one of the best.....Plants \$3.50

NOBBYS LIGHT

Large yellow, and a winner whenever it is shown. A new one from Australia. A grand championPlants \$3.50 Net

RAYELENE (ID)

Another champion red from Australia. Wonderful stems, a sure winner, 12-inch bloomsPlants \$2.50 Net

SEASON'S OUTSTANDING DAHLIAS

AVIS RAY

A new one from Australia, color cream lightly overlaid coppery bronze, with a pink picoted edge of each petal. Outstanding dahliaPlants \$2.00 Net

APPLE BLOSSOMS

A pink informal dahlia from Australia, large blooms on good stems.....Plants \$1.00

ARTHUR FRANCIS (ID)

Bright scarlet red, large blooms, from AustraliaPlants \$1.00 Net

ALL AMERICAN (ID)

A large mulberry rose—suffused salmon; one of the large ones.....Plants \$.75
Roots 1.50

AGNES FOSTER (ID)

Clear pink, shaded orchid with deeper centerPlants \$.50

BATAAN

Red cactus tipped gold, very fine dahlia
Plants \$.50 Net

BALLEGOS SURPRISE (WC)

One of our best white cactus. Hard to beatPlants \$.75

BETTY DAVIS (SC)

Lovely lavender rose color. Fine stock.
Plants \$.50 Net

BEAUTE (C)

Very fine yellow. It's a dandy.....Plants \$.50

BESS SMITH (ID)

If you want a good white, don't miss this one. Good grower and very large blooms.
Plants \$1.00
Roots 2.00

BILLS GOLD (ID)

Large gold blooms. This was best dahlia I saw last season; was commented on by everyone who saw it last season; so don't miss this onePlants \$1.00 Net

BILL'S SPLENDOR (ID)

One of our best pinks to date. By all means don't miss this one.....Plants \$1.50

BLUE ROSE (FD)

A beautiful blend, loads of blooms..Plants \$1.00

BRITAIN'S QUEEN, ENGLAND

Large white, tinted pink on outer petals, a very beautiful dahlia.....Plants \$1.50 Net

CROYDON ACME (FD)

Large lavender blooms, on long stems, very goodPlants \$.75 Net

CROYDON BUTTERCUP (ID)

If you want a good yellow that has good stems and produces good roots, don't miss this one; one of the best.....Plants \$1.00 Net

CROYDON IDEAL (ID)

Another grand champion from Australia. Blooms 11x7 on long, strong stems, color is new, autumn to bronze ground-overlaid mahogany. Really a fine dahlia.

Plants \$1.00 Net

CROYDON SUPERB (ID)

One of the best yellows in Australia for One of the best yellows in Australia, 11 to 12-inch blooms on long strong stems; will be hard to beat.....Plants \$1.00

CROYDON VIOLET

Large purple, long stems, plant full of blooms all summer. This was the best dahlia in my garden last season.....Plants \$1.00

CLIFFS CHOICE (FD)

A perfect giant formal, champagne over salmon pinkPlants \$1.50

CHARLOTTE E. COLLIS (ID)

A very fine dahlia. Color, orange flame, good growerPlants \$1.00

CHASAMY (FD)

This is the lavender formal to date. It is hard to beat.....Plants \$.50 Net

CHEROKEE BRAVE (ID)

Large red. 10 to 11 inches. Good grower.
Plants \$.50 Net
Roots 1.00 Net

CROWNING GLORY (C)

This is an outstanding dahlia, so don't miss this onePlants \$1.00 Net

COMMANDO

Large lavender formal, good grower, large blooms on good stems.....Plants \$1.00
Roots 3.00

CONLIN KELLY JR. (ID)

Clear phlox pink. This was the largest dahlia I saw last season.....Plants \$1.50

CRIMSON BEAUTY

A new one from England, color deep crimson and exhibition true cactus....Plants \$1.50

CORAL ISLAND

A new cactus, a deep peach, changing to pure yellow center, very strong stems, and a good grower.....Plants \$2.00

CORNELL (ID)

One of our best bi-color red tipped white, robust growerPlants \$.75

DARCY SAINSBURY (FD)

This is the best white to date....Plants \$.50 Net

DAWSON (ID)

A large autumn shade, blooms 12 inches. One of our best Australian dahlias....Plants \$1.00

DEAN SHURTLEFF

Large crimson red informal decorative; one of the best reds. Don't miss this one.
Plants \$1.00 Net

DONS SUNRISE (SC)

A new one from Australia. Resembles the morning sun. Truly an outstanding dahlia, with a great future and you will hear a lot about it in the coming shows.....Plants \$1.50

ESSIE SMITH

A new sensational pink semi-cactus dahlia, blooms 13x10, on cane-like stems, resistant to insects. Don't miss this one....Plants \$2.50
Roots 5.00

EVELYN CHANDLER (SC)

A very large autumn shade cactus....Plants \$.75

ENKARTS PRIMA (SC)

Soft, deep salmon color with a deep yellow centerPlants \$.75 Net

ERICA (C)

A lovely and striking color, richest possible clear, deep pink throughout, carried on long, wiry stems.....Plants \$1.50

FARRAR ROJEK (ID)

This is one of the best bi-color to date, very large blooms on long stems.....Plants \$1.00

FAITHFUL (SC)

White cactus, with good stems, very large bloomsPlants \$1.50 Net
Roots 3.00 Net

FAVARITA

Cactus, color canary yellow, tall grower, very finePlants \$1.00 Net
good grower. Don't miss this one....Plants \$1.00

FREDA GEORGE (ID)

Color, soft cream pink. Large blooms on long stemsPlants \$.50 Net

FIRE RAYS (Red Cactus)

A flaming red cactus, on long stiff stems,

GAYLORD BALLAY

A real white, large blooms on good stems, good grower. Don't miss this one....Plants \$1.00
Roots 3.00

GEO. YOUNG

Pink cactus. A new one from England. Bush loaded with blooms with long stems.
Plants \$1.00

GILLMAN'S BEAUTY (FD)

Pink of perfect form, carried on long stiff stemsPlants \$.50 Net

GINGER ROGERS (ID)

Large yellow wonderful stems. One of the best yellows to date.....Plants \$1.00

GLAMOUR (ID)

An immense true purple, very large blooms.
Plants \$.50 Net

HILDA FIORETTI (SC)

Begonia-rose with lighter geranium-pink blend, also deep chrome at the center, cane-like stems. Honor roll dahlia..Plants \$1.50

HOOSIER MARVEL

A giant yellow, S. C. to I. D. Blooms 14x 7 on long stems. Honor roll dahlia..Plants \$2.00

IRENE DUNN

Straight cactus, color rose pink. Tall grower with good stems.....Plants \$1.00
Roots 3.00

JAMES ROSS

Dark red informal. This was outstanding in my garden last season. Don't miss this one.
Plants \$1.00

JANE LAUSCHE (SC)

Bi-color, rosy mauve tipped white. Honor roll dahlia, blooms 11x6.....Plants \$3.50

JUDY G. CACTUS

This was the best all around cactus in my garden last season. Red tipped gold.
Plants \$1.00 Net

KENTUCKY SPORTSMAN (ID)

Very fine bi-color, orange, tipped white.
Plants \$.50 Net

KINGCUP CACTUS

A very fine semi-cactus, flowers very large, clear yellow throughout, full centers. You are going to hear a lot about this fine dahlia this coming season.....Plants \$1.00

LADY MURIEL (ID)

If you want a real dahlia grow this one. Color vieux rose shading to coppery rust, should side bud.....Plants \$1.00
Roots 2.00

LE ARDEN

A new formal from Australia, blooms 11x 6, color a rich deep reddish maroon, good growth plants, 5 feet tall.....Plants \$1.50

LEAH PEARL (FD)

This surely is a beautiful dahlia. Cream tinted lavender; great demand by the flor-istPlants \$.50 Net

LOIS WALCHER (ID)

Another fine bi-color, purple tipped white.

Plants \$.50 Net

LORD OF AUTUMN (ID)

One of the best yellows today. I have fine stock of this variety.....

Plants \$.50 Net

LYNN FONTAINE (SC)

1941 honor dahlia. If you want a large dahlia grow this one; 12 inches, tall grower.

Plants \$1.00

LUCY COOK

A new semi-cactus from England. Color dark lilac or heliotrope. Height 5 feet. Blooms 10 inches on long stiff stems.

Plants \$1.00

MAFFIE (SC)

One of the largest red today. Blooms 12x6, tall grower. If you want fine dahlia, grow this one

Plants \$1.00

MARY TAYLOR (C)

Congo pink cactus, very nice....Plants \$.50 Net

MICHIGAN WHITE (SC)

Very fine white, and a fine cut flower.

Plants \$.50 Net

MISS THOMPSON

A new pink cactus, changing to a cream center on long stems, and a good grower.

Plants \$2.00

MISS NEW ZEALAND

A new semi-cactus from Australia, color autumn shade, a very fine dahlia, good grower

Plants \$1.00

MISS OAKLAND (FD)

Best formal in the white class, and a fine cut flower

Plants \$.50 Net

Roots 1.00 Net

MURPHY MASTERPIECE (ID)

Blood red. One of the largest dahlias in cultivation. Have fine stock of this dahlia.

Plants \$.50 Net

NANCY ANN MITCHELL (C)

Color vivid scarlet, fine stems.....\$.75

NATION'S PRIDE (ID)

Color Autumn. This was one of the best dahlias I grew last season, large blooms, and wonderful stems, a prize winner.

Plants \$1.00

NIGHT FALL (C)

One of the cactus which made a great hit last season. Color, deep crimson, almost maroon.

Plants \$1.00

NYMPHIA

A new dahlia from Australia, color silvery mauve with lavender pink reverse, blooms 11 inches on cane-like stems. One of the best

Plants \$1.50 Net

ORANGE PRINCESS

Orange cactus. Tall bushes, full of blooms on long stems

Plants \$.75

PAM MARY JOYCE

An outstanding yellow dahlia from Australia. Blooms can be grown to 12 inches with good depth. Don't miss this one.

Plants \$1.00

PINK GIANT (ID)

One of the finest pinks, long stems. Don't miss this one.....

Plants \$.50 Net

POLINCHNILLE

A lavender pink cactus, lots of blooms, with good stems

Plants \$1.00

POPP HARRIS (ID)

A new red from Australia, large blooms and a good grower.....

Plants \$1.50

PREMIER MAJESTIC (ID)

Color, salmon mulberry gold....Plants \$.50 Net

PREMIER WINSOME (ID)

Very large pink blooms.....Plants \$.50 Net

PRESIDENT DR. ED. BENES (ID)

Large blooms, color, brilliant red. Don't miss this one. Still one of the best in my garden

Plants \$.75

PYGMALION

Cactus. A very fine autumn shade, you will like this one. Good grower.....

Plants \$.75

REBELLION (C)

Color deep rich plum, plants strong, and
A large orange red informal, very fine,
flowers freely on good stems.....Plants \$1.00

ROSEYLN STRAIGHT (SC)

Color is apricot yellow, shaded and
streaked scarlet red, tipped lemon yellow,
an outstanding dahlia.....Plants \$1.50

ROSETTE

Cactus, color light purple. This was the
most outstanding cactus in my garden last
season. Don't miss this one.....Plant \$1.50 Net

REV. PUGH

good growerPlants \$1.00

RYTHM

Cameo pink cactus. I think this was the
most outstanding dahlia last season. Don't
miss this one.....Plants \$1.50 Net

RITTA WELLS (ID)

Color, soft peach and light gold on cream
ground. Very large blooms.....Plants \$.75

RUTH NICHOLLS

Blooms 10x5. A real good lavender for-
mal which we need nowadays. Good
growerPlants \$1.00

SAMSON

A truly monster cactus, ten inches or more
across, plants being robust, stems long
and strong. Color, crimson throughout.

Plants \$1.00 Net

Roots 2.00 Net

SARETT'S PINK FLEMINGO (Pink Cactus)

This was the most outstanding dahlia last
season, Grand Champion Winner at our
show. Hard to beat on the show table, won-
derful stems, good grower.....Plants \$1.50

SHERWOOD'S PEACH (ID)

Color ogherous buff. If you want large
ones, by all means don't miss this. Blooms
12 to 14 inches.....Plants \$1.50

SILVER LADY (ID)

Color, white, lightly flush, edged lavender.

Plants \$.75

SOUTHERN THOROBRED (SC)

If you want them large, grow this one. Color
lavender, tall grower, and good stems.

Plants \$1.50

SUNRAYS (ID)

Autumn shade. Long, strong stems. Have
very fine stock.....Plants \$.50 Net

SYDNEY (ID)

A new dahlia from Australia. Beautiful rose
pink with a tinge of gold at the base of
petals, very large blooms.....Plants \$1.00
Roots 3.00

STARFISH

Orange buff cactus. A new one from Eng-
land, large blooms on good stems....Plants \$1.00

STEPHENS FOSTER (IC)

Buff with scarlet suffusion. Tall grower and
a very fine dahlia.....Plants \$1.00

SNOW BALL

White cactus. Very outstanding, long
stems. Don't miss this one.....Plants \$1.00
Roots 3.00

TOPS

A very large yellow, a real good grower.
Plants \$1.00

TOP FLIGHT (SC)

A bright crimson, with large petals. Tall
grower, very outstanding.....Plants \$1.00

THE REAL GLORY (ID)

Outstanding white. Good stems. Rugged
grower, very large blooms.....Plants \$.75
Roots 1.50

THE GOVERNOR (FD)

Large, formal yellow. Wonderful stems.
Plants \$.50 Net

TRIUMPH OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA (ID)

Color, red-tipped white. Very fine bi-
colorPlants \$.75

VANS YELLOW (SC)

I think this is one of our best semi-cactus
in yellow class we have to date. Fine
dahlia in every respect. Don't miss this
onePlants \$1.00
Roots 3.00

VICTORY (FD)

Very fine pink formal.....Plants \$.50 Net

VIRGINIA RUTE

Large red blooms. 10 to 12 inches, tall
grower, don't miss this one.....Plants \$.50 Net

WAC (FD)

Pastel shades with cream center and pink
outer petalsPlants \$1.00

WM. SHINKFIELD (ID)

This was the best dahlia in my garden last
season. Large blooms, 10 to 12 inches,
autumn shadesPlants \$1.00

WHITE CHIEF

A new white from England, very large
blooms. You will hear a lot about this
dahlia this coming season.....Plants \$2.00

WHITE CHRISTMAS

A 10 inch white dahlia, formal to informal.
Plants are vigorous, rugged grower, keeps
well when cut. A good root maker, scored
85 at trial garden.....Plants \$1.00
Roots 2.00

WHITE MODEL

A new introduction from Australia. Can
be classed the best informal white to date.
A clear pure white without a blemish,
blooms 11x7 inches on cane-like stems.
A real champion.....Plants \$2.50

WOSAL

A huge old rose and salmon giant, is the
best of its color.....Plants \$1.00

WORLD EVENT (ID)

Large pink, with good stems, good
growerPlants \$1.50

ZENITH

Medium size red cactus, long stems, very
finePlants \$.75

OUTSTANDING MINIATURES

ANDRIES ORANJE (MC)

Bright orange flower; on long, stiff stems.
This was best cut flower in my garden last
year. Keep long when cut; have had them
in my home for a week.....Plants \$.50

BROCKLEY

Fancy type. One of the finest cut flower
charms we have. Very long stiff stems. The
color is orange red, yellow at base of petals.
Plants \$.50

- BRONZITE**
Old gold at tips and a reddish bronze at center, very fine, lots of blooms.....Plants \$1.00
- BRIDE, WHITE CACTUS**
From England. This is one of best, bushes loaded with blooms.....Plants \$1.50
- BRIGHTNESS, ORANGE CACTUS**
Bushes loaded with wonderful blooms with nice long stems. A new from EnglandPlants \$1.50
- CASULA PEARL (C)**
One of the best in my garden last season. In great demand by the florist. Color, opal pinkPlants \$.50
- HELLY BOUDEWIJN**
White formal min. A real white, fine for cut flower, with good stems.....Plants \$.50
- JUBILANT**
Color is cherry red, inclined orange, with lighter reversePlants \$1.00 Net
- MING**
Lavender cactus, free bloomer and good stemsPlants \$.75
- KENSINGTON TRIUMPH**
Red cactus, with good stems.....Plants \$.75
- KENSINGTON JOY (C)**
One of the best miniature I grew last year. Deep bronze shaded amber on long stems.Plants \$.50
- LITTLE DIAMOND**
Lovely pink cactusPlants \$.50
- LUSTRE, MIN. CACTUS**
A new one from England. A lavender cactusPlants \$1.50 Net
- LUSTRE**
A small yellow cactus, one of the best to date, lots of blooms, what we need in the miniature classPlants \$1.00
- PINKIE**
Pink cactus. If you want lots of blooms, don't miss this one. One of the best from EnglandPlants \$1.00 Net

SNOW DRIFT

White cactus, what we need in miniatures.

Plants \$1.00

SPIRIT

Bi-colored novelty, scarlet tipped white.

Very goodPlants \$.50

SUSAN R.

Salmon pink cactus, very fine stems, one of the best miniatures last season.....

Plants \$.50

WHITE PEARL

A real good white cactus on long stiff stems.

Plants \$.50

WINEFRED

Red cactus. One of the best reds.....Plants \$.50

OUTSTANDING POMPOMS

BETTY MALONE

White pom tipped violet purple.....Plants \$.50

BRASS BUTTONS

Clear yellow. Don't miss this pom, it's a dandy

Plants \$.50

CLOVER

Soft pink, with white center.....Plants \$.50

ILA (P)

Deep blood red.....Plants \$.50

MRS. J. TELFER (P)

Pure white of best exhibition type..Plants \$.50

MRS. V. BRITTAIN

A lovely pink, deeper at tips. Good for show

Plants \$.50

MORNING MIST

White tinted lavender, long stiff stems.

Plants \$.50

SHERRY

Pom, violet purplePlants \$.50

TOPAZ

A real good pom from England, color is topaz, tall grower, lots of blooms.

Plants \$1.00 Net

SNOW FINCH

A nice white pom from England, very good stems, and a good grower.

Plants \$1.00 Net

BALL DAHLIAS

BRONZE BEAUTY

Autumn shadePlants \$.50

MRS. C. D. ANDERSON

A rosy magentaPlants \$.50

DUSKY

Carmine shaded maroon.....Plants \$.50

LANNIE

A real yellow ball.....Plants \$.50

ROSY DAWN

Golden yellow tipped rose with red center
Plants \$.50

WHITE CAPS

This was the best white ball dahlia that I saw last season. Wonderful stems.....Plants \$.50

SPRAY YOUR DAHLIAS

This is a very important thing in growing dahlias. Spray right away as soon as you plant them and at least twice a week after they are planted, because they can be ruined in one week's time by leaf hoppers, and the results are your plants are stunts. Spray with New Evergreen or Black Leaf 40. You will be well paid for your work.

We use the New Evergreen with great results. For Red Spider we use Selo Cide. And we always spray our plants after sundown.

If we can be of any service to you call us or write us, and we will be glad to advise you.

OUR REPUTATION

Growers say that we ship our plants the best they have ever seen. Shipped in open crates. You will receive them as fresh as when they leave our greenhouse. Shipped by express. Insured.

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